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RICHMOND, VA., SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1894.

GAY HOLIDAY WEEK THESUAL Activity in Richmond Society

RECEPTIONS THE FEATURE.

puring the Christmas Season.

Tess—Personal Notes.

anderson threw wide their rennant, Walker, Branch,
tott. Ryland, Williams,
ris, Hobson, Ferguson,
egram, Shumate, Cameron,
Pace, De Treville, Conaily,
Wellford, Weddell, Mr. Tennant, Dr. and Mrs Mrs. John Lyons, J. Walker, Mr. and

f Madrid, Spain. A pretty ter, Mary Lamar Turpin; ams, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. lams, Mr. T. C. Williams Williams, Mr. and Mrs.

and tassels attached them to the dress of each player. A supper of six courses was served upon the card-tables, and punch was served throughout the game. Among those present were Mrs. Walker, Miss Walker, Mr. and Mrs. W. James Walker, Missos Palmer, Conally, Bagby, Ellerson, Hayes, Blankenship, Anderson, Bruce, Hobson, Cameron, Drewry, Black, Lyons, Morton, Tennant, Talbott, Wormsley, Barksdale, Williams, Mr. and Mrs. James Allison, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Buek, Mrs. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tennant, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bolling, Mr. by evening. This was not the hristmas german. That will be January 8th. There were a large McCaw, Talbott, Tatum obson, Bragg, Valentine, Shafer, vathmey, Miller, Smith, Archer, Pleasants, Walker, Blair, Al-

festivity.

Mrs. B. H. Nash is greatly interested in a feature of the entertainment by the Daughters of the American Revolution to be given in January, called "The Dance of '76," composed of the following young indies, who are selected for their good dates, and other personal attractions: ladies, who are selected for their good dancing and other personal attractions: Misses Florence 'Taibott, Adele Archer, Claudia Palmer, Carrie Coleman, Marie Saunders, Alice Tinsley, Virgie Drewry, and Judith Deane.

Mrs. C. E. Buek will entertain the Thursday Club on New Year's night.

Mrs. Charles Blanton and Mrs. Egbert G. Leigh will receive their friends on Thursday, January 3d, from 5 to 7, at 300 west Grace street.

Mrs. W. B. Tennant and the Misses Tennant will entertain the Wednesday Club January 2d at a dance at 101 north Fifth street.

Mrs. Charles Hoyt, of New York, will be the guest of Mrs. James R. Branch, west Main street, this week. the most elegant entertainments
that was given by Mr. and Mrs.
Harris on Thursday evening,
that to the Wednesday Club,
and stairway were exquisitely in wreaths of smilax, red and ations and American Beauties, orade was twined in ropes of nished at the lower terminuses of red and white carthe game was progressive in the scene was beautiful after its were seated—about thirty was in lovely evening gowns, all the brightness and interest. The re won, first, by Miss Carrie handsome silver puff-box; sea Callie Ryland, a pair of silver e Ryland, a pair of silver Miss Florence Talbett, a The gentlemen came at

vase of unique design, twined wreath of pink roses, and profuse bouquet of the same, f white hyacinths and pink "Home, bear me; home at last!" he said,
"And lay me where your dead are lying,
But not while skies are overspread,
And mouraful wintry winds are sighing. cases so attractly; and nove lia Harris, Kate Talley, n. Mary Anderson, Eugenia ennant, Nellie Boykin, Ella Calle Ryland, Elise Wil-innie Rose Walker, Etta ary Williams, Berta Wellford, lford, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tenand Mrs. W. James Walker.
Mrs. John Lyons, Messrs.
Myers, Grant, L. R. Page. Massie, A. S. Wily, Palmer lan Taibott, Robert Campbell S. Charles Hall, McKee, E. C.

for the Christmas holidays—Miss
of New York; Miss Hoxton, of
dria, Va.; Miss Peterkin, of West
at Miss Randolph, of Vifginia;
Emily Hanewinckel, Miss Sallie
and Miss Frest; Messrs, Dan
7, F. W. Hanewinckel, E. B. Thom-O. F. W. Hanewinckel, E. B. Thom-George Pegram, John B. Minor, Jr., dr. and Mrs. Barton Wise, Among who left cards were Mrs. E. G. Mrs. S. G. Wallace, Mrs. William ey. Mrs. W. Y. Mordecal, Mr. and W. B. Tennant, Misses Claudia Pal-Mary M. Anderson, Annie and Fandeguire, Mary and Elsie Cameron, R. Walker, Eugle and Ann Ten-Florence Talbott, Alys Conally, and Mordeal, Messrs. E. T. D. Myers, lenry Beskervill, E. J. Willis, Kon-Williams, A. S. Why, Carter th, Nat. Lancaster, Langburn Wil-Robert Lancaster, F. D. Williams, Richard H. Gaines.

tained a number of friends at a very beautiful dinner on Thursday evening in homor of their son, Mr. Ellia Munford Talbott, and his bride, who are spending the holidays with them. The table and artistic dining-room were exquisitely decorated in green and white, the mantel, chiffonnieres, and buffet being massed with maidenhair fern, Bride roses, and llly-of-the-valley. The centre adornment of the table was a square of apple-green satin under duchesse lace, with heavy bows of satin ribbon at diagonal corners, and opposite cut-glass rose-holders of white roses, Resting upon this was a cut-glass bowl hidden under a shower of Bride roses and lily-of-the-valley. The souvenilr ribbons which marked each plate were squares of green satin fringed at two ends. Across the centre the name was thrown in artistic gold letters, and a sprig of misiletoe with its dainty wax berries was fastened in one corner.

A very complete menu was served, throughout which the green and white idea was carried out in all the pretty accessories.

Those who were present were Mrs. Tal-The Anniversary of Historic Monumental Church to Be Observed To-Day.

Ellis Talbott at a handsome lunche

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bryan gave charming dance at their beautiful home "Laburnum." on Friday evening to the

popular hosts to make merry at this bright season, and the responses were hearty and unanimous. The dance was

Mrs. Judith C. R. Walker gave a hand

Mrs. Judith C. R. Walker gave a hand-some progressive-euchre party on Friday evening to her daughter and sons and some of their friends. The tally-cards were particularly dainty and pretty. A four-leaf clover in green on white ground decorated the top, and white-silk cords and tassels attached them to the dress of each player. A supper of six courses

rall on Thursday evening was one of the most pleasant of the Christmas frolles

most pleasant of the Christmas fronce enjoyed by the younger set. The Gover-nor and his wife were assisted by a few friends in entertaining the young people, and the mansion was the scene of joy and

west Main street, this week.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Though I think you are extra kind in republishing so many accessible things, I copy for you the poem of Mrs. Margaret J. Preston on the death of Commodore Maury.

B. B. M.

Carpets the mountain fastness over; Till chattering birds are on the wing. And buzzing bees are in the clover.

And creeping ty flings its graces About the lichened rocks, and floods Of sunshine fill the shady places.

Sweet nature, all is glad and tender; Then bear me through the Goshen Pass Amid the hush of May-day splendor,"

To Nature's own drew never nearer; And never stooped she to impart Her love to one who held it dearer.

The stars had secrets for him; seas
Revealed the depths their waves were receive;
The winds gave up their mysteries,
The tidal flows confessed their meaning

He taught the nations to unravel, And showed the track where safely they The lightning-footed thought might

And yet, unspolled by all the store Of Nature's grander revelations, Who bowed more lovingly before The lowliest of her fair creations?

No sage of all the ages past,
Ambered in Plutarch's limpid story,
Upon his living age has east
A radiance touched with truer glory,

His noble living for the ends
God set him-outy underlying
Each thought, word action-naught transends In lustre, save his nobler dying.

RICHMOND, VA.

SERVICES MORNING AND AFTERNOON.

the Old Theatre

Those who were present were Mrs. Talbott, Mr. Joseph Bryan, Mrs. Ellis Talbott, Mr. W. Waller Morton, Miss Talbott, Mr. Charles Hail, Mrs. Floyd Hughes, Mr. Ashton Starke, Mrs. W. B. Tennant, Mr. Allan L. Talbott, Mrs. Ashton Starke, Mr. W. B. Tennant, Mr. Ellis M. Talbott, Mrs. W. H. Talbott, Mrs. J. Barbour Thompson, Mr. W. H. Talbott, Mr. Charles Talbott, and Mrs. Joseph Bryan.

Mrs. Ashton Starke entertained Mrs. of the building had been completed.
On the night of December 26, 1811, while

Mrs. W. Brydon Tennant gave a delightful luncheon on Saturday in honor of her charming guest, Mrs. Sara Caldwell Rutter, of New York. Mrs. Rutter is pleasantly remembered by many Richmonders as the belle par excellence of the Whits Sulphur and Hot Springs through successive seasons. The compliment paid on this occasion was worthy of the entertainer and the entertained. A mammoth table was arranged, at which twenty-five ladies were seated and served in comfort. The centre decoration was a huge punch-bowl filled with American Beauties, resting upon a large silver tray. Two cut-glass bowls of the same handsome rose finished the two ends. A beautiful display of cut-glass, silver, china, lost their lives that Monumental church was erected, and that the tablet and urn were placed within the iron enclosure in front of the sacred edifice.

Those who met their fates in that frightful disaster were not simply Episcopalians, but represented almost all creeds, and it has been, therefore, regarded as eminently proper that the services to-day should not be simply those prescribed by the Church ritual. At 11 o'clock this morning the usual morning service will be held. In this Assistant-Bishop Newton will take part. Rev. P. S. Stickney, the new rector, who for the past few months has done such admirable work in restoring the old church, will preach the sermon. He will take as his Two cut-giass bowis of the same some rose finished the two ends. A beautiful display of cut-giass, silver, china, and napery completed the adornments of this handsome entertainment.

Those present were Mrs. Rutter, Mrs. D. B. Tennant, Mrs. J. Kerr Branch, Mrs. T. N. Carter, Mrs. C. E. Buek, Mrs. John Lyons, Mrs. A. E. Donnan, Mrs. T. M. Rutherfoord, Mrs. James D. Patton, Mrs. A. D. Tilton, Mrs. James D. Patton, Mrs. J. A. Welch, Mrs. James Allison, Mrs. W. L. Royall, Mrs. W. J. Walker, Mrs. Alfred Harris, Mrs. Thomas Boiling, Mrs. W. R. Trigg, Mrs. Charles Wortham, Mrs. Charles Davenport, Mrs. Richmond Pearson, Mrs. Joseph Bryan, Mrs. Virginius Newton, Mrs. George Ben Johnston, and Mrs. V. B. Tennant.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bryan gave a chapter of Isalah: "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness."

MUSIC FOR THE DAY.

The discourse will be specially appropriate to the occasion, and on account of Mr. Stickney's ability as a preacher will, no doubt, be heard by a very large congregation. The music, under the direction of Mr. Philip S. Powers, will be specially suitable, and will be of the order which was sung a hundred yearago. The church will still be attired in its Christmas decorations, and these will add beauty and solemnity to the scene. At 4 o'clock this afternoon the general mass-meeting will be held. The services will be special, and the address of the evening will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Hoge, of the Second Presbyterian church. To these services the public at large are invited, as they deal with a matter in which not only the Episcopal Church, but the entire people, should feel so much historic pride.

The vested choir will, of course, sing upon both of these occasions, and while the music will be old, it will not be the less beautiful and impressive. The surpliced choir, while as yet so new a thing in Virginia, has been very highly spoken of without regard to creed, and is considered by a great many church-going people as a most solemn and impressive way of conducting the music of a church. Several of the choristers are not Episcopallans.

It seems exceedingly appropriate that

Mrs. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tennant, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boiling, Mr. and Mrs. Atlan Donnan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Waller Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Scott, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. O'B. Cowardin, Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. James Pleasants, Messes. Moses D. Hoge, d. L. Cabell, Salle Watkins, E. C. Mayo, Saunders Hobson, F. W. Hanewinckel, E. C. Massie, John Rutherfoord, George Ingalis, T. C. Williams, Jr., Barton Haxall, W. H. Grant, R. H. Galnes, W. G. Ferguson, F. H. Davenport, J. T. Anderson, J. Alston Cabell, P. H. C. Cabell, John Young, A. S. Wily, Haywood Hunter, G. A. Walker, J. G. Walker, Rutherfoord Rose, and George Gibson.

The birthday party of Miss Helen O'Fer-

ment from the press of that State upon his liberality in church matters.

TO ERECT THE MONUMENT.

As before stated, the Richmond Theatre and seventy-two of the mest esteemed of Richmond's citizens were burned on the night of December 25, 1811, and immediately afterward the work of erecting a suitable monument in respect to the memory of those who perished in the flames began. The bodies of the dead were almost entirely consumed, and were interred right upon the spot where the fated old theatre stood and where the Monumental church now stands as their memorial. Prior to the destruction of the play-house some funds had been raised by the "Association to Build a Church on Shockoe Hill," and this organization threw its means and power to aid the Citizens' Committee, and with a contribution of \$5,000 from the Town Hall or Common Council, the present church was built. The money contributed by the Town Hall was used for the purpose of purchasing the lot, on the condition that it should be forever hereafter used for purposes of divine worship. It seems that the disaster had so shocked the civilized world that it was determined that no other amusement or dancing should ever take place upon the spot where the theatre stood.

THE FIRST RECTOR.

On the 3d of April, 1814, Monumental church was completed. Richard Chan-

On the 3d of April, 1814, Monumental church was completed. Richard Channing Moore was chosen its first rector, and soon after made Bishop of Virginia. As his first Episcopal act, on the 10th of November, 1814, he consecrated this sacred edifice. From the day of its opening, within its walls and under its ample dome, have gathered for solemn and devout worship many of the noblest and best of the people—great statesmen, learned and just

have gathered for solemn and devout worship many of the noblest and best of the people—great statesmen, learned and just judges, professional men, scientists, historians, and poets.

Here Revolutionary and later patriots and devout men and women of every walk and station have come to worship God. And from this old church and her Sunday school have gone forth good, gentle, and herole souls, reverend bishops, faithful clersymen, and worthy laymen, that have helped to accomplish what has made the name of Virginia honored, among them Bishop Moore, Lay of Easton, Vall of Kansas, Williams of Japan, Dudley of Kentucky, Polk of Louislana, and lately Bishop John E. Newton. Here Bishops Johns and Newton were consecrated, and here Bishops Meade and Whittle have often officiated.

HERE ARE THE RECTORS.

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Right Rev. Richard Channing Moore,
D. D., rector 1814-1841.

Per John Rushanan, D. D., assistant

Rev. John Buchanan, D. D., assistant Rev. William H. Hart, assistant minis ter 1822-1825. Rev. Robert T. Croes, assistant m Right Rev. Leonidas Polk, assistant

Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, assistant mig ister 1832-1854. ister 1832-1834.
Rev. Thomas Jackson, assistant minister 1834-1835.
Rev. William Norwood, assistant minister 1836-1841. Rector 1841-1845.
Rev. George Woodbridge, D. D., rector

1845-1878. Rev. John G. Armstrong, rector 1878-1884. hight Rev. John B. Newton, rector 1884-

DESCRIPTION OF THE FIRE. In the following letter, written just eighty years ago to-day, but never published before, a thrilling account of the great disaster is given. The original manuscript will be placed in the Valentian Manuscript.

The most heart-piercing cries pervaded the house—"Save me! Save me!" Wives asking for their husbands, females and children shrieking, while the gathering element came rolling on its curling flames. Many were trod to death; several were thrown back from the windows from which they were struggling to leap. Many leaped from the first story and were saved. Men women, and children of all descriptions were seen to precipitate themselves on the ground below. Most of these escaped, though several of them with broken legs and thighs, and hideous contusions. WRAPPED IN FLAMES.

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The fire fiew with a rapidity almost beyond example. Within ten minutes after it caught the whole house was wrapped in flames. But the scene which ensued it is impossible to paint. Women, with dishevelled hair, fathers and mothers shricking out for their children, husbands for their wives, brothers for their sisters, filled the whole area on the outside of the building. A few who had escaped plunged again into the flames to save some dear object of their regard—and

eorge Smith, Governor; Sophia Trouin ilia Trouin, Joseph Jacobs, Elizabeth obs, Cyprian Marks, Charlotte Raphel child, Mrs. Leslie, Edward Wanton, a youth; George Dixon, a youth; William Brown, Mrs. Patterson, John Welch, Margaret Copeland, Margaret Anderson, Sally Gatewood, Louisa Mayo, Mrs. Gerard, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Green, Mary Davis, Thomas Frazler, a youth; Jane Wade, Mrs. William Coock and daughter. Elizabeth Stevenson, Mrs. Corven and child, Patsy Griffin, Fanny Goof, a black, woman, Batsy, Lohnson, black, Phila-

The remains of the deceased are in-terred where they perished; the old walls of the theatre are to be pulled down and a wall of five feet high to occupy the

I inform you of the death of my poor Grandmother Winston, for if it had not have been so a number of my connections would have perished in the flames amongst them your friend, JOHN SHORE.

A LEAF FROM THE PAST.

Quaint Commemoration of the Burnin

Mr. George E. Cox, of Farmville, has sent the Dispatch the following, which is

sent the Dispatch the following, which is printed on a slip yellow with age:

A Hymn,

Adapted to the Well-Known Tune of SOPHRONIA.

Designed to keep in memory the awful calamity which filled every heart with grief, covered every countenance with a gloom, and started tears from every eye throughout the city of Richmond on the never-to-be-forgotten night of December 28, 1811.

Then amusement led up her sportive

Wearied by day with business toll and cares.

How welcome is the peaceful night:

Sweet sleep our spirits and our strength
repairs.

And fits us for returning light.

Yet when our heavy eyes in sleep are clos'd Our rest may break 'ere well begun; To dangers every hour we stand expos'd, That we cannot foresee nor shun.

'Tis of the Lord that we can ever sleep, A single night without alarms; His eyes alone our lives in safety keep, Secure amidst a thousand harms, For months and years of peace

Ungrateful we alas! have been; The voice of God our city rous'd at last, And bade the fire rebuke our sin.

The shout of "fire!" a dismal, doleful cry Impressed each heart with deep dismay The furious blaze ascends the red'ning sky, 'Till midnight wears the face of day.

The bells, with jingling sounds and awfu tollia Declar'd the horrors of that night; Mas! Alas! how many precious souls Departed 'ere the morning light!

The house of joy becomes the

The throng, the terror who can

While we lament our dear, departed friends.
Let us adore His love and pow'r;
Who to the wretched His salvation sends.
And saves at the eleventh hour.
(Altered, with additions, from a hymn of Mr. Newton's and sung in the Haptist meeting-house on Wednesday, January 1, 1812, being the day set apart by the Common Hall of this elty for humiliation and prayer in consequence of the above awful catastophe. May this day ever be devoted by the citizens of Richmond to the commemoration of this awful ca-

Light-Ground Silks the Popular

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 29. inglous to have their small

Children's clothes were never prettler than this season, for there were never so many pretty clinging materials from which to select, and the present style of wide skirts and big ruffles is very becoming to their dainty little figures. The most popular materials for the mature ages of 4 to 6 years are fine mull-the slik mull is especially pretty-fine nninsook, and the dainty light-ground sliks with tiny rosebuds in pale plinks or blues; for my individual taste I think there is nothing so pretty as pure white.

Most of these little gowns were made guimpe style, narrow ribbons, embroidery, or lace being used for trimming the guimpes, while the skirts were finished

Christmas-eve my little maiden attended her first real party, and as it was rather a pretty lieu I will tell you of it. The invitations were issued a week before; and consisted of a tiny card, in the centre of which was a spider entangled Davis, Thomas Frazler, a youth; Jane Walde, Mrs. William Coock and daughter, Elizabeth Stevenson, Mrs. Corven and child, Patsy Griffin, Fanny Goof, a black woman; Betsy Johnson, black; Philadelphia Johnson, black; Phila

winder, each child followed its wander-ings to the spider in which it terminated. Inside this spider was concealed some pretty gift. Different-colored cords were used, which made the color scheme very effective. These cords can be bought at any confectioner, but the gilt and silver cord would, I think, make a still prettler effect.

SILK MULL.

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My little debutante's gown was of silk mull; the low-neck waist was of the silk mull; with two ruffles falling from the shoulders, each ruffle trimmed with several rows of narrow satin ribbon. The sash was of the mull; the ends finished in the same way with the ribbon; the skirt was plain—lust a hem. She wore this over another plain skirt of the cotton mull, which gives a softer effect than slik would do. Tiny white slippers and little silk socks completed the dainty costume, which was not expensive.

From the age of 10 to 13 is the most difficult age to dress a girl prettily and effectively. One pretty model of a guimpe dress I saw would be suitable. It was of white, in one of the many pretty, soft wool materials, of which there are such a profusion to choose from. It was a little on the cream in color, and the low-necked waist was cut like a blouse, pulled into the belt and neck, and left open about two inches down the front, where it is faced back with a bias band of pale blue velvet, two inches wide. A row of small blue velvet buttons trimmed the inside edge of this, and blue velvet rosettes fasten in front at either side, at the beit and neck and over the dainty rial, with wide straps of the plaids going

BOY FASHIONS. Did I not warn you of the selfishnes of human nature as evidenced even in a fashion letter? I have finished my dis-course on children's clothes, and not one mention of the boy in it. My attention has not been drawn to boy fashions save has not been drawn to boy tashons save what I noticed with a foolish mother's pride-a number of small boys in up-to-date velvet suits with lace ruffles or broad collars and patent-leather pumps, flitting around my small belle the other evening-but the especial features of boy fashions shall be given a place in one of my next letters.

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Christmas has come and gone, and the deserted-looking shops bereft of their prettiest displays is proof of the fact that in spite of the cry of "hard times" people have found money enough tucked away somewhere to buy.

The question of the tariff has been a very deep one to me-so much so that when hearing it discussed I have wondered if those discussing it quite know what they were talking about.

OPEN OUR PORTS.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

I was a Confederate soldier, and on the retreat to Appomattox our command for some purpose had halted at Amela Courthouse. A battery of artillery was endeavoring to go on, but a wagon-train had blocked the road. There was much confusion noise etc. usual on such confusion noise etc. usual on such confusion noise etc. What they were talking about.

OPEN OUR PORTS.

Yesterday I was calling upon a friend recently returned from London. I greatly admired her gown, which was from one of the noted tallors of London, who has a branch establishment over here. The material was of a lovely shade of brown English serge, made bell skirt, trimmed with two ruches of heavy black satin at the foot of the skirt about four inches apart. The bodice was short, and fitted as only the best tallor gowns do fit. And, covered with a fine braided slik passementeric, the sleeves were perfectly plain and full. A gem of a capote went with this stylish suit. It had great bunches of violets arranged on a foundation of brown crepe, with an upright bunch of dark-red gardenals a little to the front on the left side.

When she told me what this chic costume cost I was amazed, for it was almost one fourth for which the same could be gotten over here. Now I understand tariff, and am strongly in favor of opening our ports. Although I still don't know whether I am advocating Democratic or Republican principles. I trust, however, the new year, so soon to be with us, may settle all these points, and bring us prosperity, and to all my Virginia friends and vaders I wish a bright and happy New Year! From a southerner in Philadelphia. VIRGINIA DARE.

here,
Mr. R. C. Flanagan, an employee of the
Government Printing-Office, is home on a
visit to his parents.
Mr. O. L. Joyner, proprietor of the
Eastern warehouse, accompanied by his
wife, has gone to Danville, Va., for a few

Mr. J. B. Johnson, Jr., after an absence of six years in Chicago, arrived home last night to visit his parents.

WINTER WEATHER IN WYTHEVILLE

WYTHEVILLE, VA., December 29. what belated, but arrived in state,

PAINFUL ACCIDENTS.

cracker. Captain Frank Blair and his son,

perty, on Main street, recently purchas by Mr. A. A. Campbell for \$3,42. Mr. T. G. Kent, the postmaster her says that the mails at this post-offi

Fashlouable Set-Personal.

WARRENTON, VA., December 29.-

Rosalie Scott danced with Mr. Russell

Landale, Miss Georgie Green with Mr.

were neid and good cheer handed around from the flowing bowl.

Mr. R. Carter Scott and family, of Richmond, are spending Christmas at the home of Major R. Taylor Scott.

Mr. Thomas R. Keith, of the law firm of Moore & Keith, of the law firm of Moore & Keith, of Fairfax, is also spending the holidays with his family here.

Miss America Payne has returned from

a prolonged visit to Baltimore.

Mr. Hardy Fair and Leslie Muller are

here from Camelle, Mo.

Judge Keith and his family will leave
for his future home in Richmond in a
few days, to the great regret of the people here.

Mr. Robert Spilman, who is teaching in
Southwest Virginia, is home for Christ-

mas.

Mr. Foster Gaines, who is married teday to Mrs. Olea Young, of New York,
brings his fair bride here to the home of

General Lee and the Barefoot Soldier,

his mother for a few days.

CHRISTMAS NIGHTMARE

tain tops the night of Christmas-day, and my soft, strawberry-ice-cream tinted cheeks had scooped out a small Luray cavern in the bolster, I became aware of the multitudistous presence of 'possums in my immediate vicinity, and the horrors of the night began. I saw them everywhere, smiling and grinning at me as if they would chuckle themselves to death. At first I imagined they were trying to show some appreciation of the careworn, worm-eaten jokes with which I had afflicted the public during the past year, but I couldn't serew my vanity up to that point long, for no living creature was ever known to smile at one of my jokes for more than a second, whereas these "varmints" gurgled continuously. To make matters worse, they wriggled their tails around with more curiy-q's than I put on my signature when I endorse a check payable to my order, and hour after hour they climbed over each other in the atmosphere and danced the german about my head. It was horrible—that night—and verily it will go down in history as a chaos of indigestion alias 'possum 'jim-jams.' whose gallants can by any means procure a vehicle on runners. To prosy older folks it means wet feet, slushy crossings, bedraggled door-steps and porches, bad colds, cross servants, fretful children, fuming housekeepers, and general discomfort. And unless we have preserved youth's spectacles, to don on such occasions, the glee of the school-boy, the gay spirits of the rosy maiden, and the frolicksome fun of the college youth seem oddly out of tune with the weather and our feelings. How much there is in "the point of view" after all! Christmas-day was a quiet one in part, save for a few swaggering, drunken men and the ubiquitous small boy with his fire-crackers.

Mr. Stephenson, of Abingdon, received a painful injury in one eye by the prema-ture explosion of a cannon-cracker which he was attempting to light from a cigar in his mouth. Dr. John Graham rendered Heaven forbid that any member of the Westmoreland Club should take offence at what I have said! Should any representative of this grand old organization espouse the cause of the 'possum which failed to "agree" with me in several particulars, I would humbly ask his pardon, for the Westmoreland stands high in my estimation—a thing calculated to make it prosper. The folks down there don't put on any airs. They make you feel so much 'at home that when you start to go away you feel half inclined to take some of the crockery with you, and may be you do if some one isn't watching you. There is a simple, laundered-cuff air of elegance about the whole establishment, from the polished ebony bell-boy down to the billiard-room floor, which makes you feel that life is not ediate medical assistance, and thinks Mr. Tom Waffett, Jr., also had his mouth hurt and face burned by a cannon-Mr. W. S. Poage gave a supper Wednes-day evening to the younger members of the bar here and a few special friends. About twenty guests enjoyed the lavish hospitality and good fellowship of the eve-Mrs. T. G. Kent returned home on the 22d after an absence of two months visiting friends in New York, Boston, and Richmond. Mrs. W. H. Bolling and Miss Bertha Bolling, who have been visiting Mrs. Galt, in Washington, came home just be-

It is meet and proper at this time of the year to ask your fellow-citizen what he got Christmas, and to query him as to whether he emerged from the holithe Thursday Club had their regular meetings this week. They were post-Misses Sayers entertained a few friends very pleasantly Thursday evening. Miss Eloise Alexander and Miss Falson, of the Plumer College faculty, are spendng their Christmas holldays in the WARRENTON'S CHRISTMAS GERMAN. A Merry Occasion Among Fauquier's went in the winter time, but I think I understand now. Perfidious mince-meat ples! Had I formerly known that, with every slice of your dark-complected makeup, there perished a million energetic souls, I would have bade thee gone from (Special.)—The Cotillon Club gave the usual Christmas german Wednesday Hicks with Miss Charlotte Nelson. Miss

souls, I would have bade thee gone from my presence.

In recalling my Christmas presents there was one that escaped my recollection—the little bag of persimmons and hickory-nuts sent me by my rural but God-fearing relatives in the miasmatic slashes of Hanover, Sadly I greet thee, little bag of persimmons and hickory-nuts (otherwise scaly-barks), for full well I know that during the next Agricultural Fair my rustic kinsmen will come and board with me-nay, will make my house their domicile for weeks to come. They will never forget the present they sent me. Their children and their children's children unto the third and fourth generation will cherish the memory of those persimmons and those hickory-nuts, and for centuries to come their offspring will E. Lovell Johns, formerly of Richmond, Va.; Miss Lizzie Fair was with Mr. Willie Kloman, Miss Lena Gaines danced with Mr. Hardy Fair, Miss Mary E. Scott with Mr. R. Randolph Hicks, of Roanoke; Miss Fannie Herbert, of Alexandria was with Mr. John S. Gaines; Mrs. John Belt danced with Mr. Inman Horner, of Philadanced with Mr. Inman Horner, of Philadelphia; Miss Edith Moore, of Fairfax, was engaged by Mr. Thomas Keith; Miss Lucq Stone was dancing with Mr. George Neison, and her friend, Miss Dodge, of Washington, with Mr. Philip Nelson; Miss Janet Johnson danced with Mr. James Johnson. There were several other couples unknown to the writer, and a number of "stags" hung about the door. for centuries to come their offspring will "board off" my progeny. For simple, unassuming yet unmitigated gall the guiteless husbandmen of Hanover hold the first premium. number of "stags" hung about the door, among whom were Dr. Shirley Carter, Mr. J. K. Maddox, who has just returned from riding a successful race in Jamaica; Mr. Morse, of Boston; Mr. Norman Brown, and Mr. H. A. de Zayas, of Eng-

Just think of it! This old year is almost defunct, and in two days we will be starting out a-fresh, with new resolutions and bright hopes for the future. Every hour draws us nearer to the time when we can plead the statutes of limitations on some of our old bills, and every swiftly-flying minute brings us closer to the awful moment when we shall tackle our bosses for a raise of salary. But it is particularly on account of the good resolutions we make that I recall New Year's with pride. For days before the happy occasion I think of the many things I shall do during the coming year, and after its arrival I spend the next 365 days breaking the resolutions I made. Now, for one thing, I am going to stop smoking in 1825. I have firmly made up my mind to do this-in fact. I've promised somebody to do it. So firm is my determination that I can resist any temptation, and to show the public my iron will, I have ordered a gross of Powhatan pipes and twenty pounds of tobacco to be put right in my room before me. And, then, too, I'm going to stop drinking. Not a drop will touch my lips for the next year (I'm going to take it through a straw), nor will I even consent to hear a cork popping out of a bottle. I don't drink the kind that pops. It shows a noisy temperament, which betokens but little real strength of character. As as evidence of my firmness in adhering to the temperament eresolution, I am having a private still built in my coffee-pot (as a man in Georgia recently did), so that no one inclined to strong drink can find it. And now, dear people, won't you all join with me in my efforts to do better the next year? Let us all make good resolutions, and keep them—for twenty-four hours, at least. Let us all, by a rising vote, unanimously ask a raise of salary, and let us all hope that our friend "Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-Five" will prove both a financial and domestic bonanna. With applogles to the Old Year (soon to be designated as "the late 1891") I still remain, though others work,

Mrs. E. A. Carlon Staying.

Each child was provided with an abundance of good things and a substantial gift. It is needless to say that there was no brighter spot in Lexington Christmas morning than around that tree. The donor was Miss Lyons, of New Orleans.

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The Glee and Minstrel Club of the Virginia Military Institute will on next Monday evening give an entertainment in the Opera-House for the benefit of the Jackson Memorial Hall.

Rockbridge Lodge, No. 83, Independent Order Odd-Fellows, entertained a large number of their friends in a handsome manner Thursday evening. A speech of research was made by Mr. G. D. Letcher.

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Among those who are in town visiting their sons who are cadets at the Virginia Military Institute are Mrs. Henry Watterson, of Louisville, Mr. Charles W. Coddin, Clerk of the Chancery Court of the city of Richmond, and his wife, and Colonel G. Percy Hawes, of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cobb, of Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C.
Mr. Howard Holland, of Manchester, is visiting Mr. James Gillock.
Miss Annie Pitzer is visiting in Richmond.

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. White are spending

are spending the holidays in Washington,
Mr. Jack Carmichael, of the Baltimore
and Ohio engineering corps, is spending
the holidays with his mother, Mrs. John

E. A. Quisenberry his one-third interest in the Lexington Ice Manufacturing and Cold-Storage-Works, near the Union De-pot, paying for it \$2,500. The remaining two-thirds of the plant is owned by G.

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W. Offlighter & Co.
Professor D. C. Humphreys has gone
on a business trip to Florida, and Mrs.
Humphreys is spending Christmas with
friends in Washington.
Mr. Charles Freeman, of Roanoke, is
visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Freeman.
Mrs. Teiford, of Washington, is the
guest of Miss Freeland.

A CHRISTMAS-DAY WEDDING

BALLSVILLE, VA., December 29 .-(Special.)—The event of the season came off here Tuesday evening last, when Dr. Alvin Judson Hurt led to the altar Miss M. Maud McLaurine, the accomplished daughter of Mr. Milton McLaurine. The ceremony took place at Mt. Moriah church, and was beautiful and impres-sive. Rev. George W. Hurt, of Guyton, Ga., and Rev. William E. Hurt, of Man-chester. Va. brothers of the groom, offi-